

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of facilitating trading, comprising:
satisfying a condition at a market by a market participant, ~~in which~~ wherein the market includes the market participant and other market participants, and wherein, for a potential trade, the market includes prices for a side and a contra-side of the potential trade, and
automatically, at the market participant's computer, receiving a new contra-side best market price in advance of the other market participants as a result of satisfying the condition and only while the condition at the market is satisfied by the market participant.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the satisfying and receiving are performed by a trading process.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the condition is providing the best market price for a side of the market.
4. (Currently amended) A method of facilitating trading at a market that includes prices for a side and a contra-side of a potential trade, comprising:
automatically, via a computer, selecting a party to receive notification of a new contra-side best market price in advance of other market participants, wherein the selected party is a market participant participating in a market with the other market participants,
automatically, via [[a]] the computer, notifying [[a]] the selected party of [[a]] the new contra-side best market price, ~~wherein the selected party is a market participant participating in a market with other market participants,~~ and
automatically, via the computer, measuring a predetermined time from when notification of the new contra-side best market price was sent to the selected party and, after the

~~predetermined time has elapsed, notifying the other market participants of the new contra-side best market price after a predetermined time from when the selected party was notified of the new contra-side best market price.~~

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the selected party is a provider of a best market price for a side of the market.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising checking, via the computer, the identity of the selected party before notifying the selected party of the new contra-side best market price.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising checking, via the computer, a recently posted price to determine if the recently posted price is a new contra-side best market price.

8. (New) A system for facilitating trading at a market that includes prices for a side and a contra-side of a potential trade, comprising:

a computer having a processing component that is configured to select a party to receive notification of a new contra-side best market price in advance of other market participants, wherein the selected party is a market participant participating in a market with the other market participants, and wherein the processing component is further configured to measure a predetermined time from when notification of a new contra-side best market price is sent to the selected party and, after the predetermined time has elapsed, to notify the other market participants of the new contra-side best market price.

9. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the selected party is a provider of a best market price for a side of the market.

10. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the processing component is configured to notify the selected party of the new contra-side best market price in advance of the other market participants only while the price provided by the selected party remains the best market price for the side of the market.

11. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the processing component is further configured to check a recently posted price for the side of the market to determine if the price is better than the price provided by the selected party, and if so, to replace the selected party with the provider of the recently posted price as a newly selected party to receive a new contra-side best market price in advance of the other market participants.

12. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the processing component is configured to check a recently posted price to determine if the recently posted price is a new contra-side best market price before notification of the recently posted price is sent to a market participant.

13. (New) A computer-accessible medium having executable instructions stored thereon for facilitating trading, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause a computer to:

select a party to receive notification of a new contra-side best market price in advance of other market participants, wherein the selected party is a market participant participating in a market with the other market participants, and

measure a predetermined time from when notification of a new contra-side best market price is sent to the selected party and, after the predetermined time has elapsed, notify the other market participants of the new contra-side best market price.

14. (New) The computer-accessible medium of claim 13, wherein the selected party is a provider of a best market price for a side of the market.

15. (New) The computer-accessible medium of claim 14, wherein the instructions cause the computer to notify the selected party of the new contra-side best market price in advance of the other market participants only while the price provided by the selected party remains the best market price for the side of the market.

16. (New) The computer-accessible medium of claim 14, wherein the instructions cause the computer to check a recently posted price for the side of the market to determine if the price is better than the price provided by the selected party, and if so, to replace the selected party with the provider of the recently posted price as a newly selected party to receive a new contra-side best market price in advance of the other market participants.

17. (New) The computer-accessible medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to check a recently posted price to determine if the recently posted price is a new contra-side best market price before sending notification of the recently posted price to a market participant.